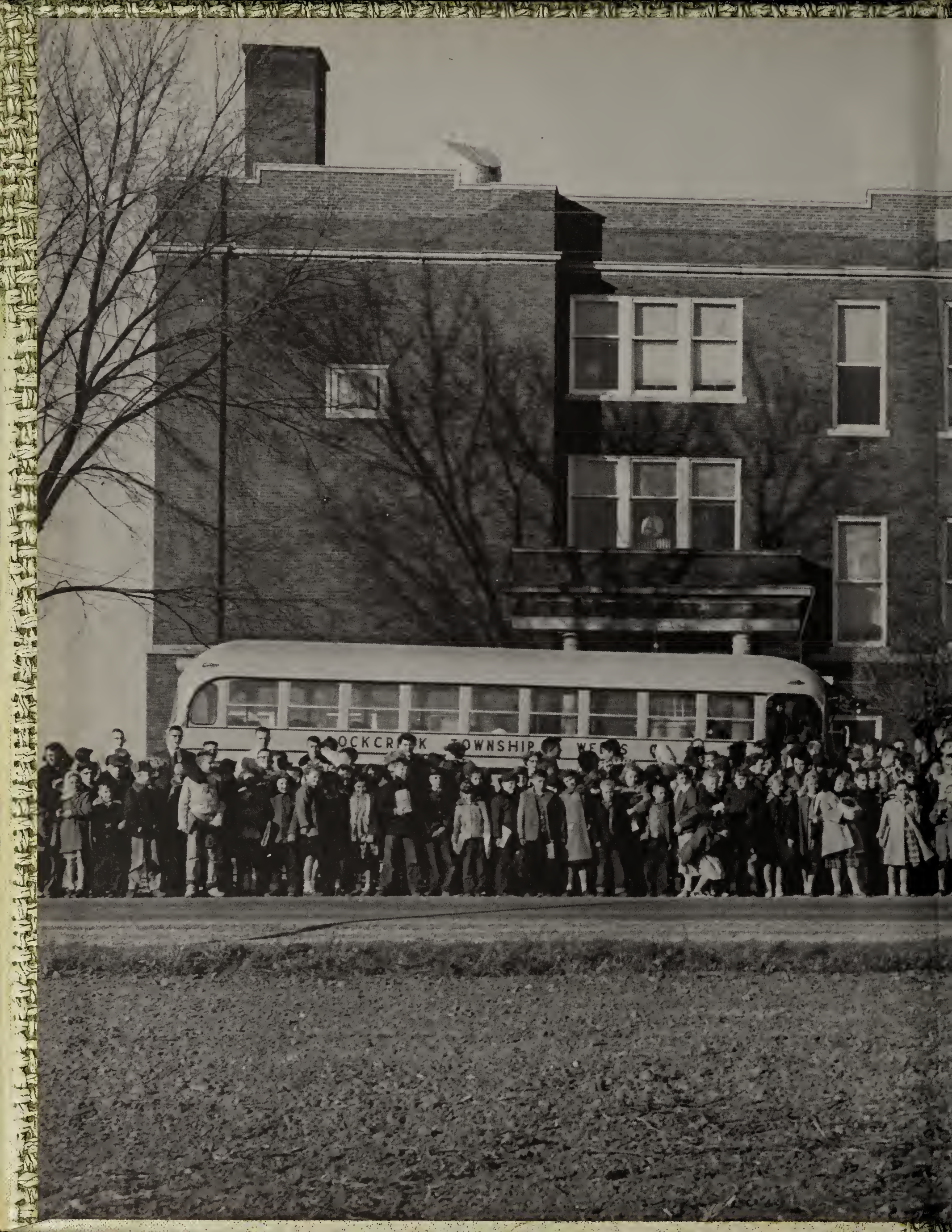
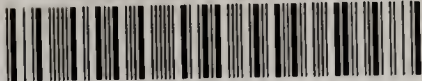


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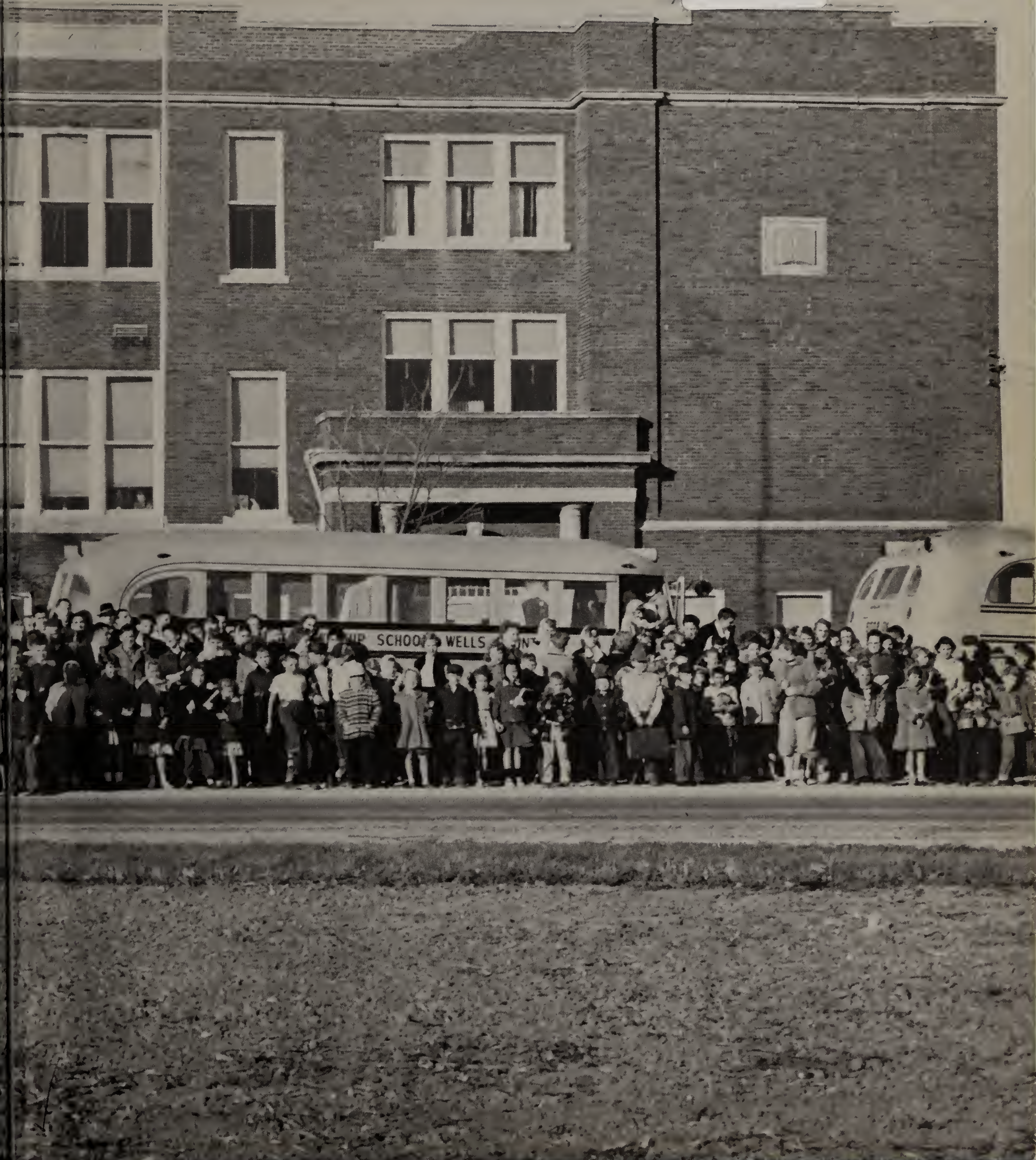
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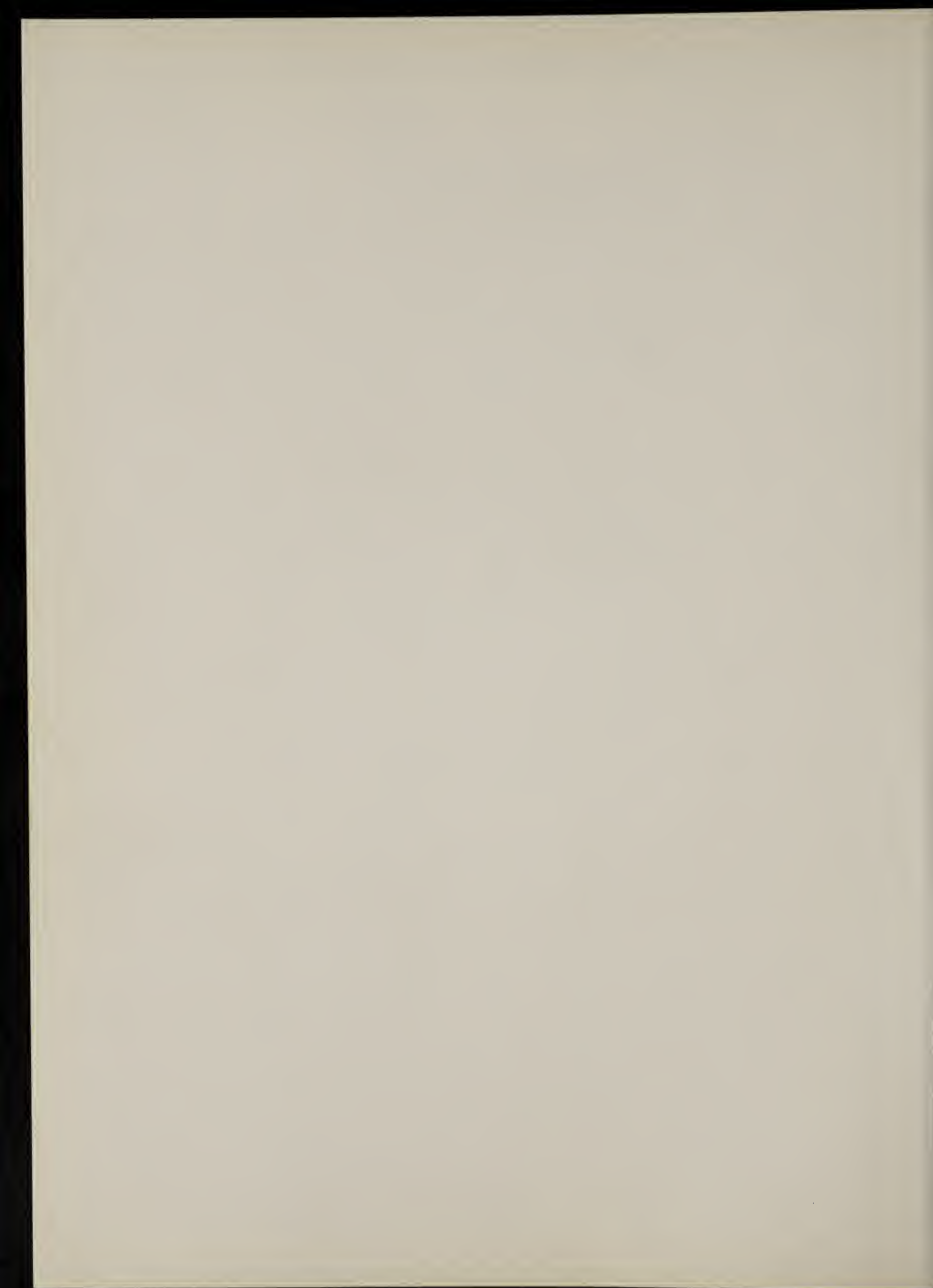
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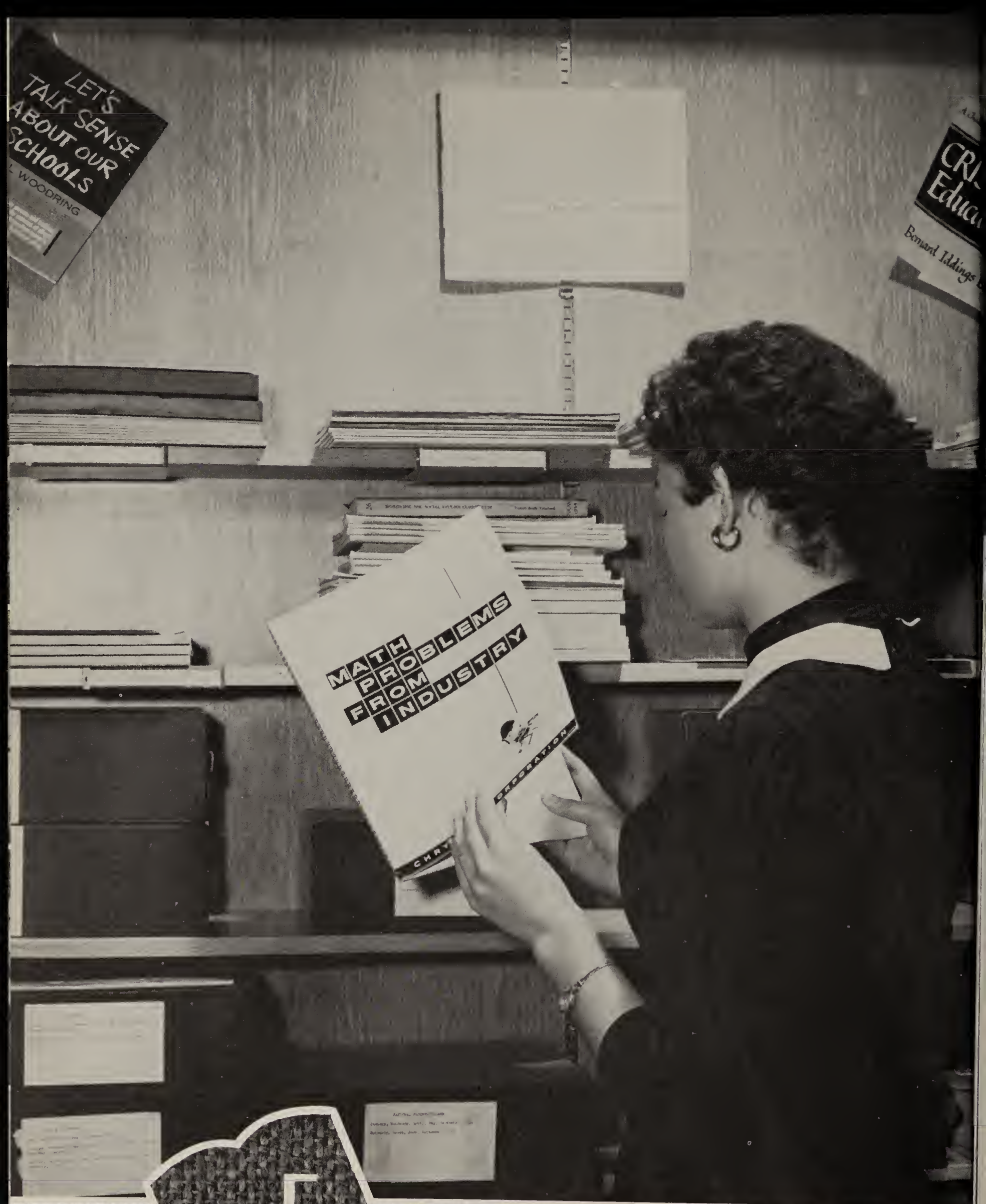
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Classes

SENIORS



CLASS OFFICERS: J. Wygant, N. Wibel, G. Bender, J. Cash.



"This hose goes here."



"Janet's birthday party."



"All dressed up and no place to go."



"Dig those crazy zoot suits."



MICHAEL MOOREFIELD

(Mike)

Take care of me: Good men are rare.

JAYNE DECKER

(Punkin)

I wish to sit back, rock, eat crackers,
and giggle.

ROGER REFF

(Rog)

You can never tell what I'll do next.

JANET CASH

(Cashy)

Her hair is no more sunny than her
heart; this we could tell from the start.



JAY STAUFFER

(J. J.)

Good basketball players never die—They
get married.

PHYLISS WALMSLEY

(Phil)

Bright eyes—easily embarrassed—gentle
manner—fond of felines—sweet smile.



NEAL GEISMAN

(Butch)

Let not woman's weapons stain my manly cheek.

CAROLYN CROSBIE

(Blondie)

An all around girl who radiates joy, her only weakness is a blonde headed boy.

GERRY BENDER

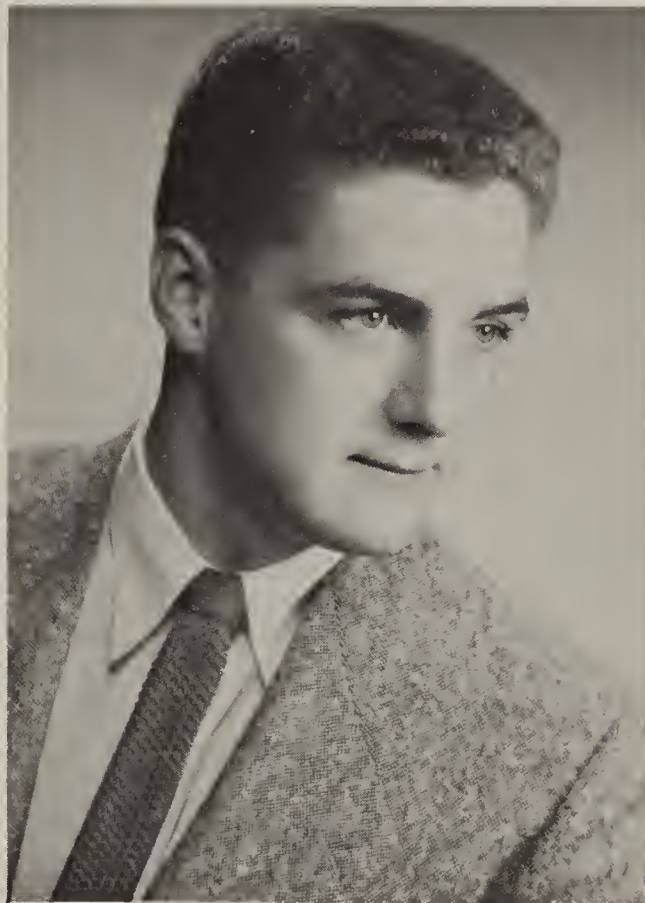
(Benhead)

All great men are dying. I feel ill.

ROBERT SICKAFUS

(Bob)

When love and duty clash, Let duty go to smash.



NORMAN WIBEL

(Norm)

I'm not lazy, I'm just saving my energy.

JUDITH WYGANT

(Judy)

Above all things be carefree, gay, and lighthearted—



HAROLD UPTON

(Tiny)

Love is the greatest of all educators (I'm educated).

JANET WEIKEL

(Janey)

Brown eyes have been the downfall of more than one.

ARLIN MCAFEE

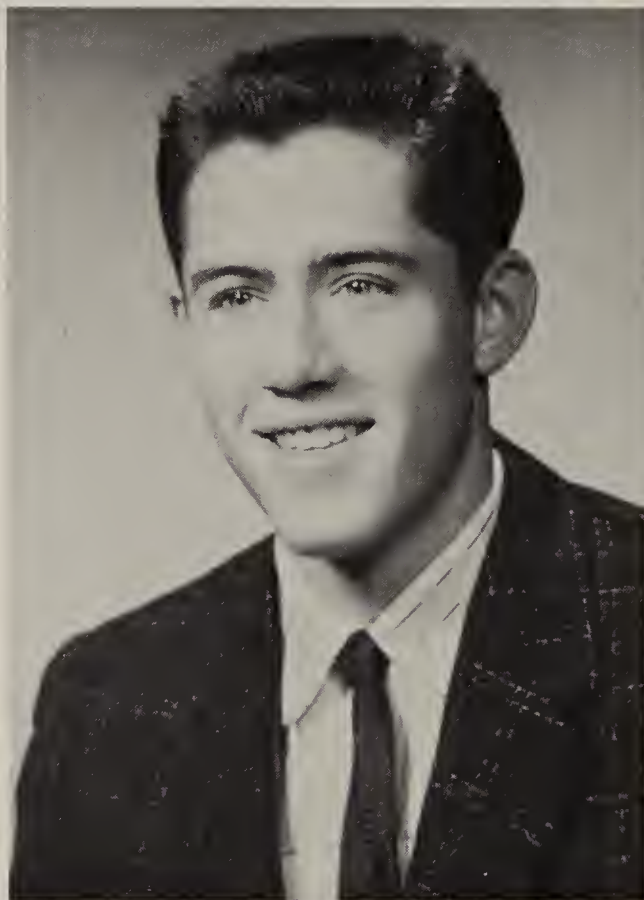
(Speedy)

Good looking—quiet—long shot—artist—whiz on typewriter.

EMILIE JACKSON

(Winnie)

Quiet, reserved, and demure; A friend upon whom you are always sure.



JOHN GINGERICK

(Johnnie)

Never in a hurry, always late.

JANET GILBERT

(Jan)

There's always something to keep the twinkle in her eye.

WAY BACK - WHEN?



Neal



Janet G.



Janet C.



Judy



Emilie



Janet W.



Arlin



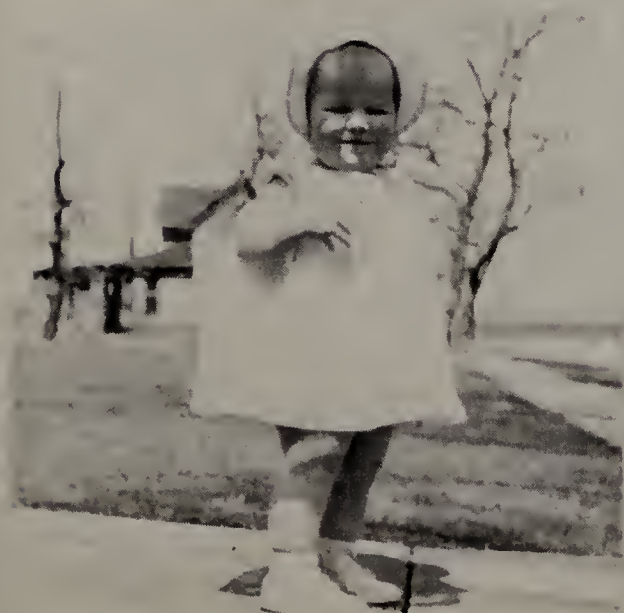
Mike



Roger



Johnny



Phyliss



Carolyn



Jayne



Gerry

JUNIORS



CLASS OFFICERS: N. Johnson, M. Highlen, M. Schmidt, B. Walmsley.



"Standing in the cold, watching all the cars go by."



"Can't you hurry up with those French fries?"



"Two cokes—comin' up!"



"Look at the birdie, Judy."

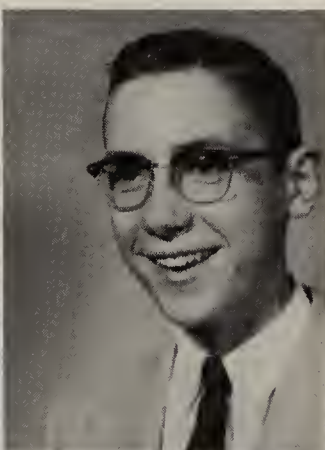
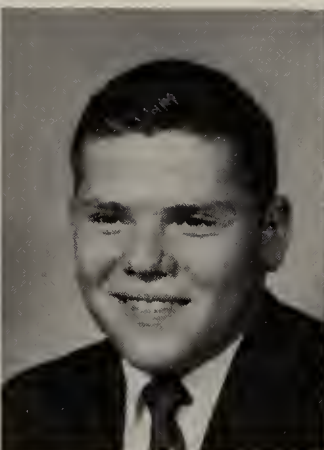
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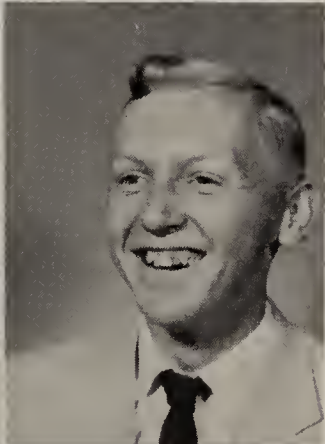
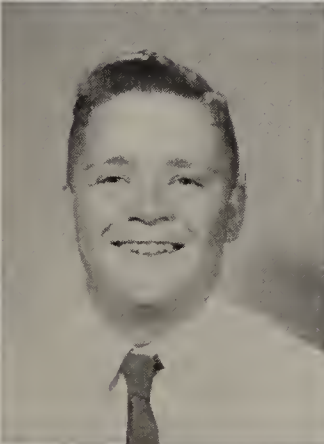
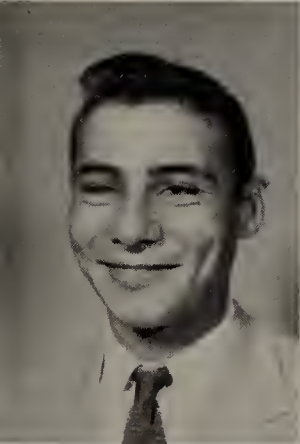
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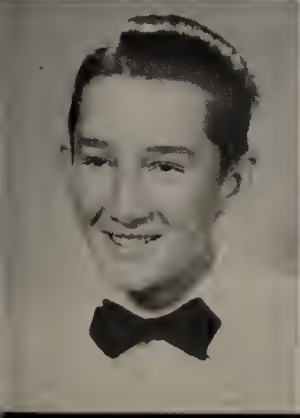
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Donald Park



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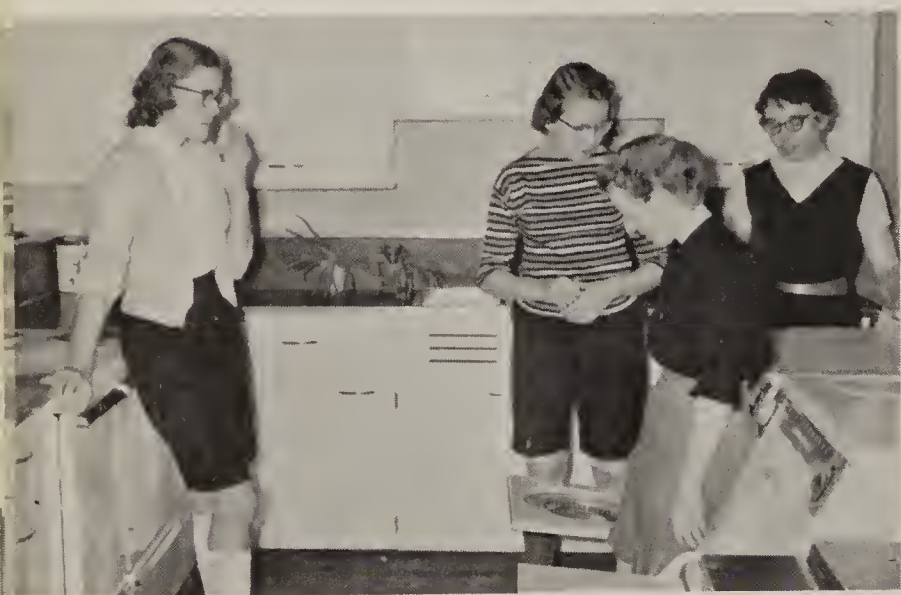


Jerry Shively
Betty Walmsley
Clara Woodward

SOPHOMORES



CLASS OFFICERS: C. Shively, S. Miller, N. Kinsey.



Oh—for a mouse.



A correct table setting.



Examining seed samples.

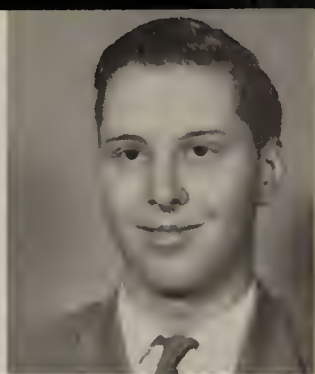


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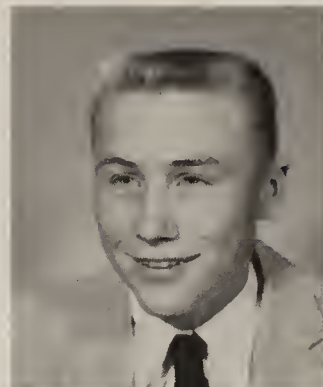


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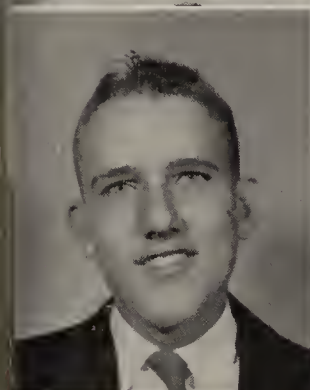
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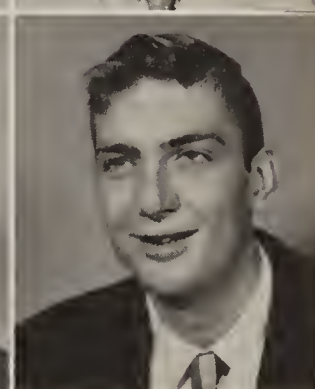
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Sharon Elzey
Bonnie Ewart
Marcia Shriner
Roger Stahl



Ruth Ann Foust
James Grover
Ray Woodward
Sharon Wright



FRESHMEN



CLASS OFFICERS: R. Haiflich, L. Edris, J. Strouse.



Kinda boring, huh?



Where's that current event?



Sink it, Janet!



Music Festival Beauties!?



Karen Anderson
Kay Anderson

Beatrice Hatfield
David Highlen



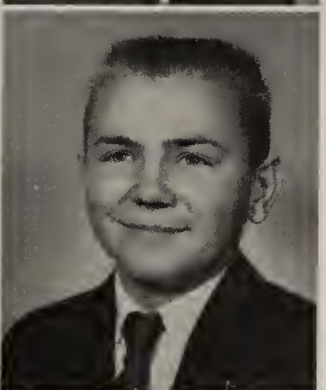
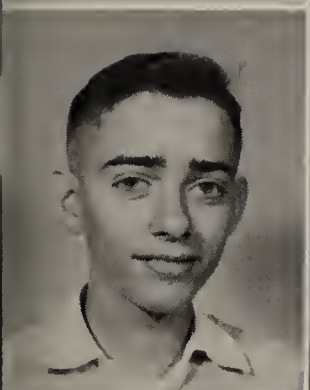
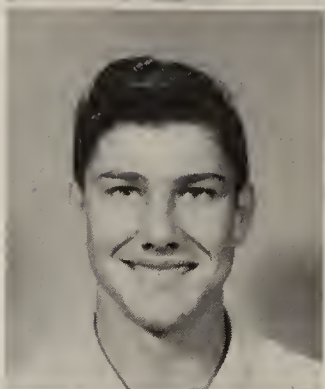
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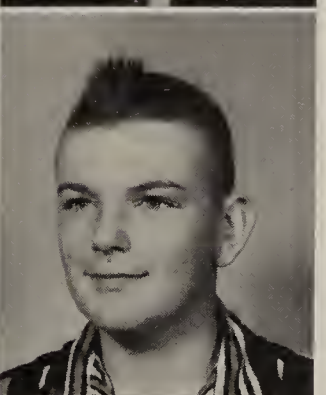
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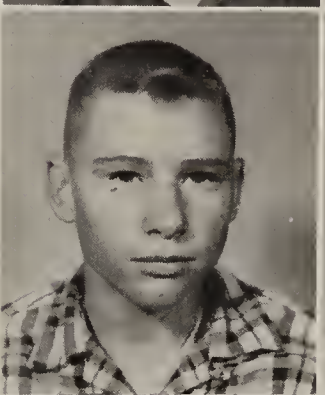
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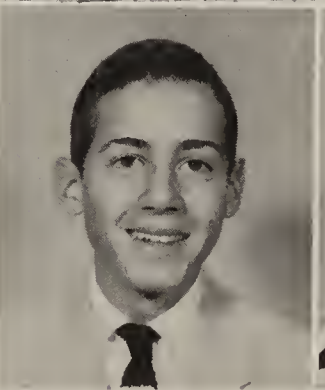
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James Strouse
Norman Thompson



Frederick Hambly
Gene Welches



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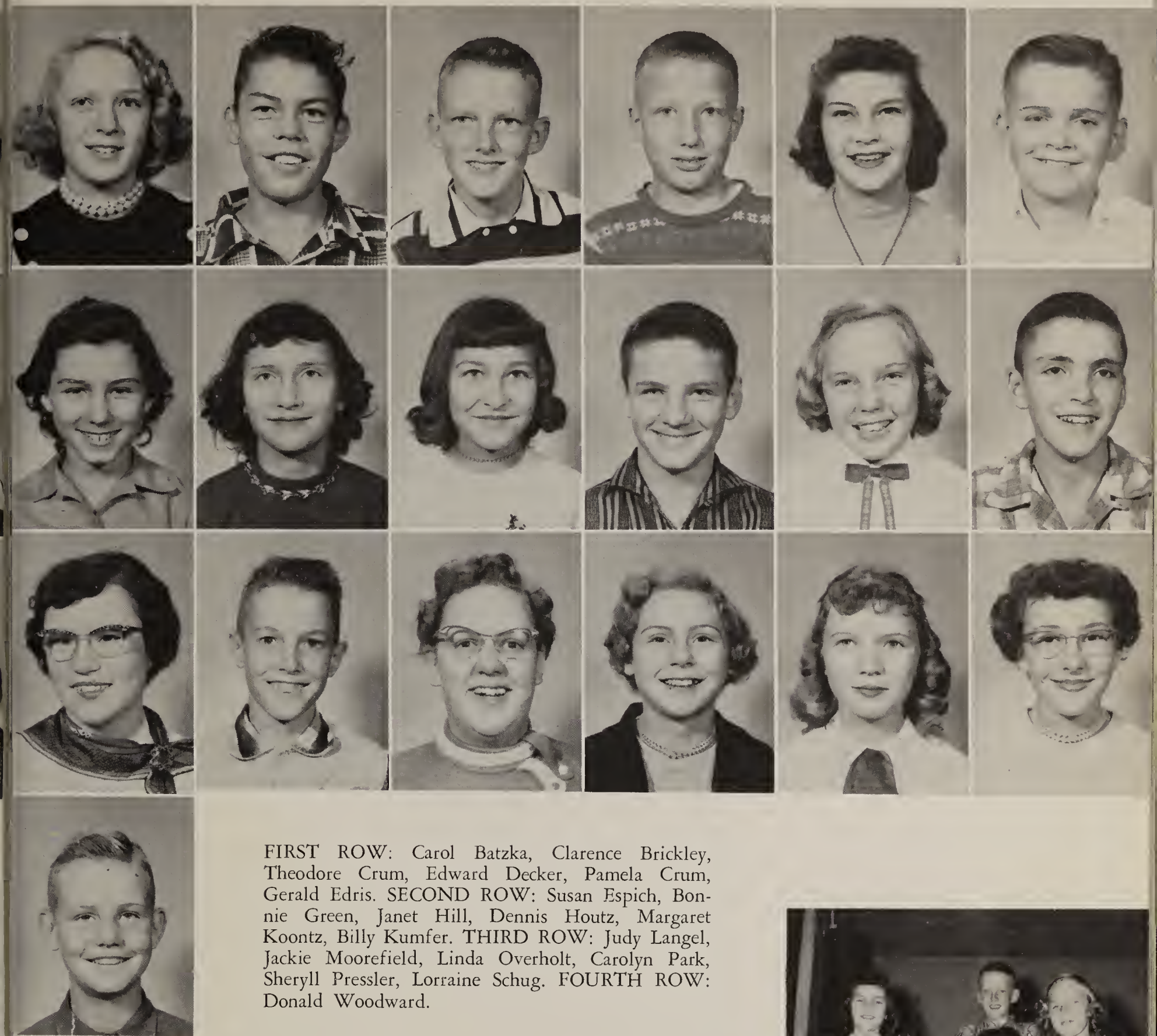


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CLASS OFFICERS: Penrod, Larmore, Gilbert.

SEVENTH GRADE



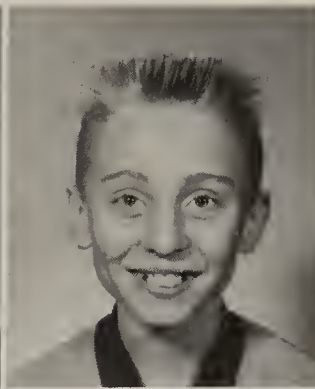
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CLASS OFFICERS: T. Crum, P. Crum, M. Koontz.

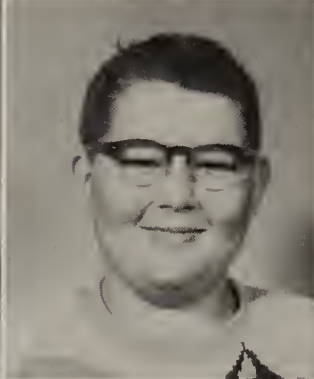


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Donna Blessing
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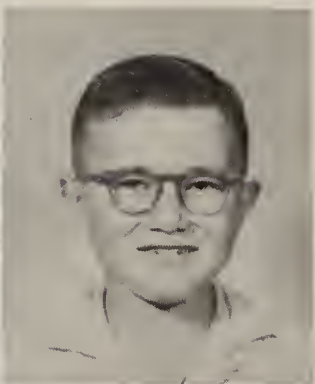
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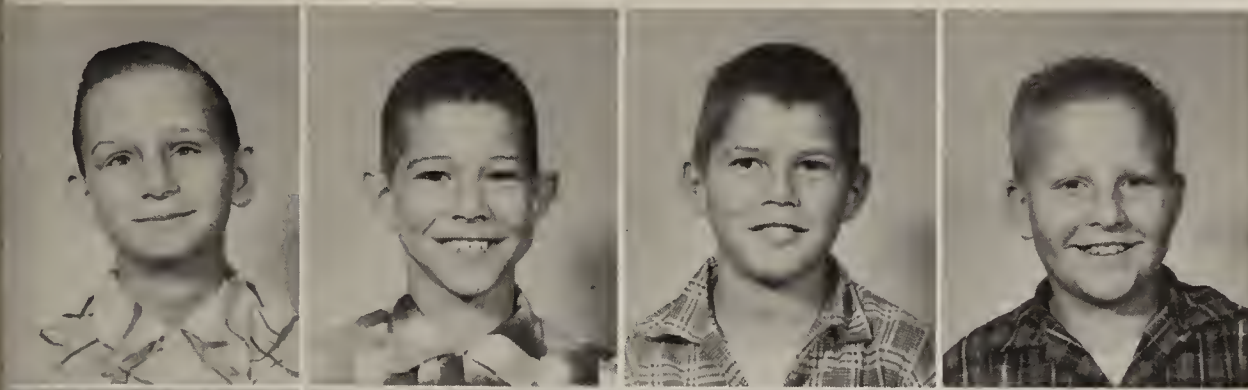
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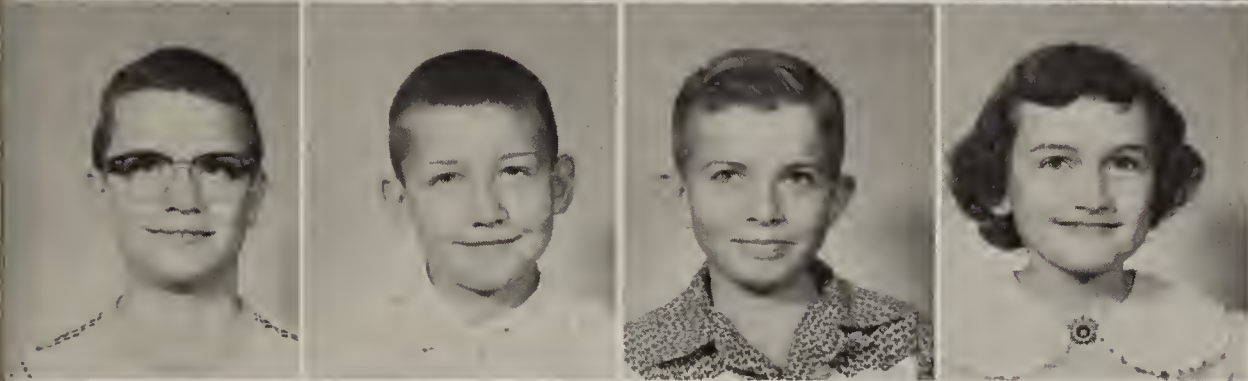
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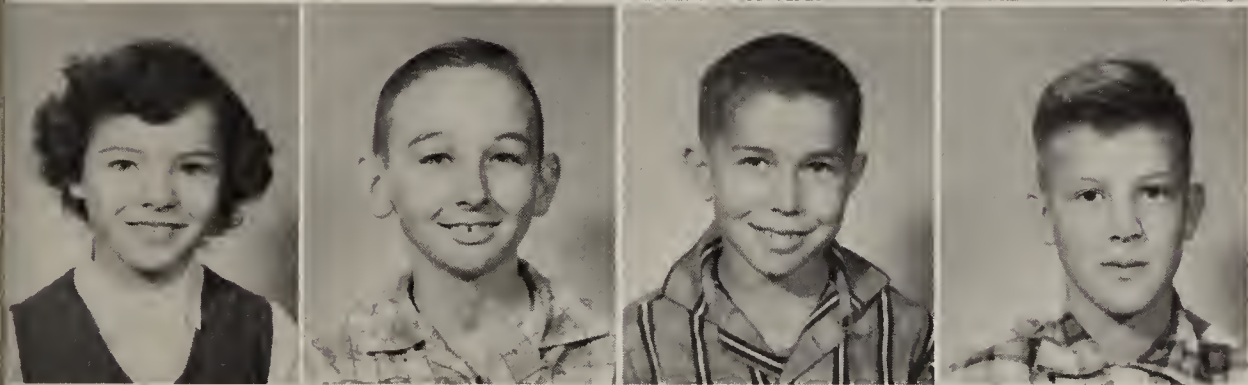
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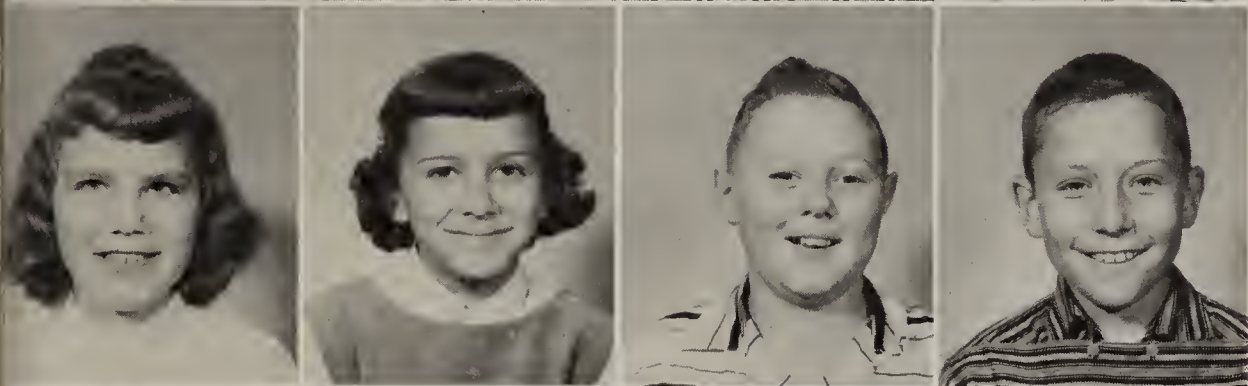
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Anita Espich
Billy Falk
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Daniel Hambly



Martha Highlen
Gwen Hill
Tommy Hutchings
Lane Inman



Wallice LaFevers
Jerry Lenwell
Rebecca Miller
Gary Redding



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Janice Smuts
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FOURTH GRADE

Howard Cash
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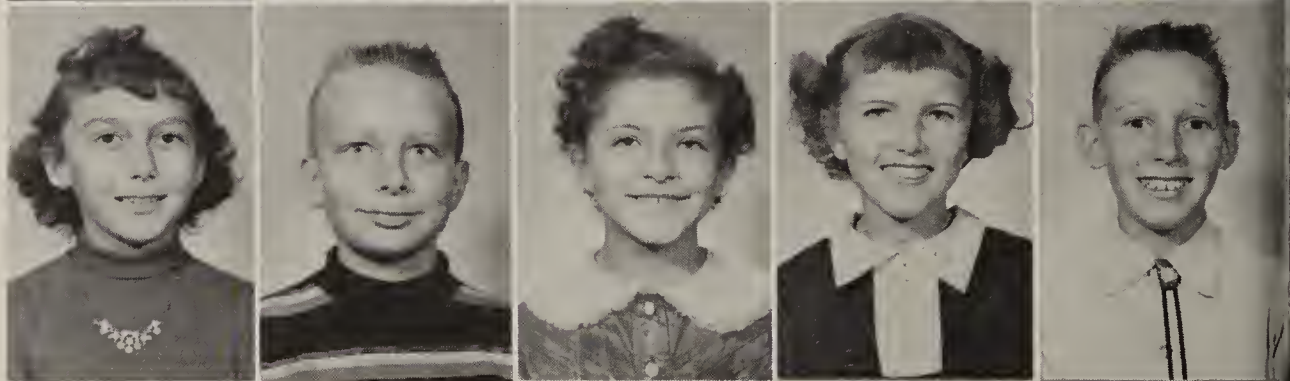
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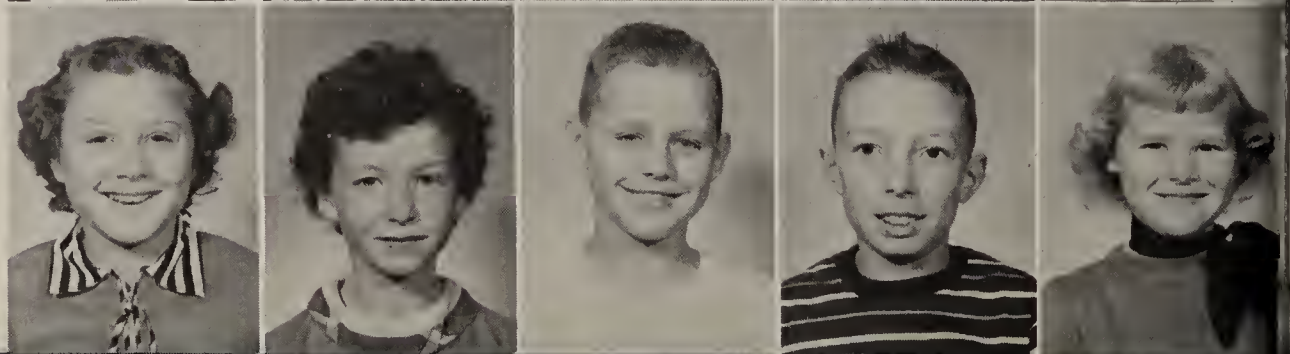
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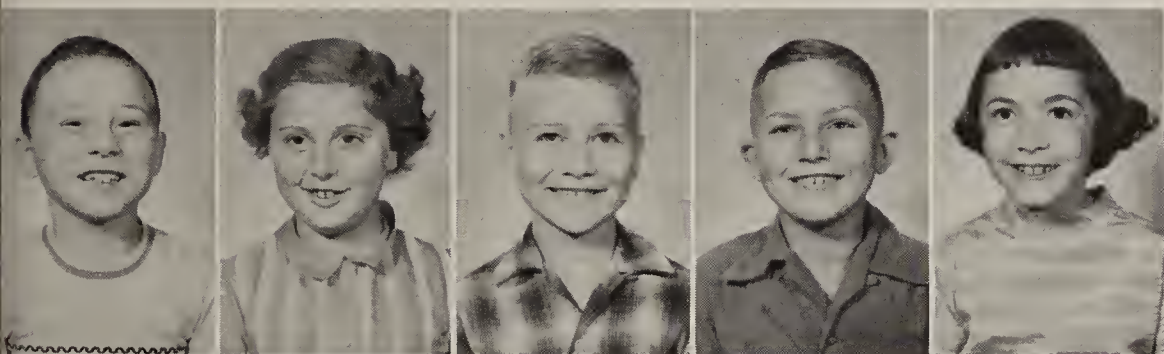
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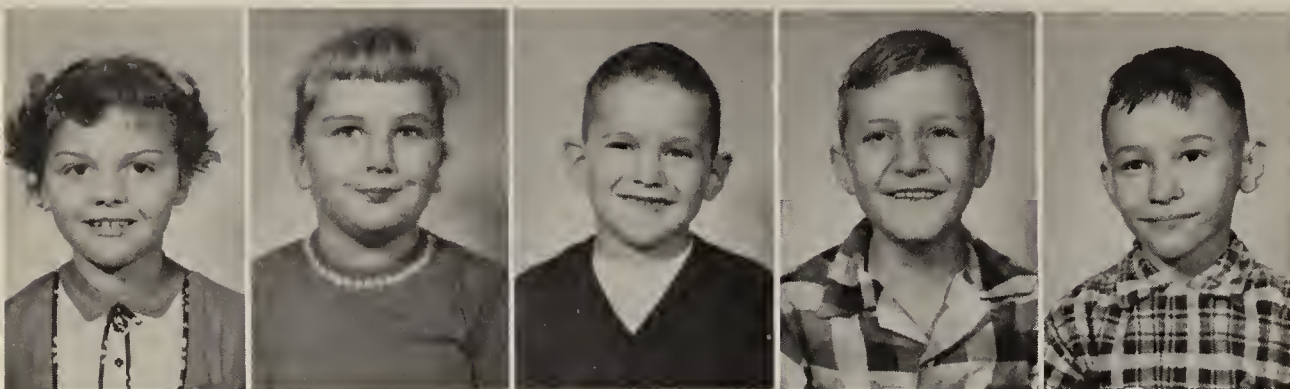
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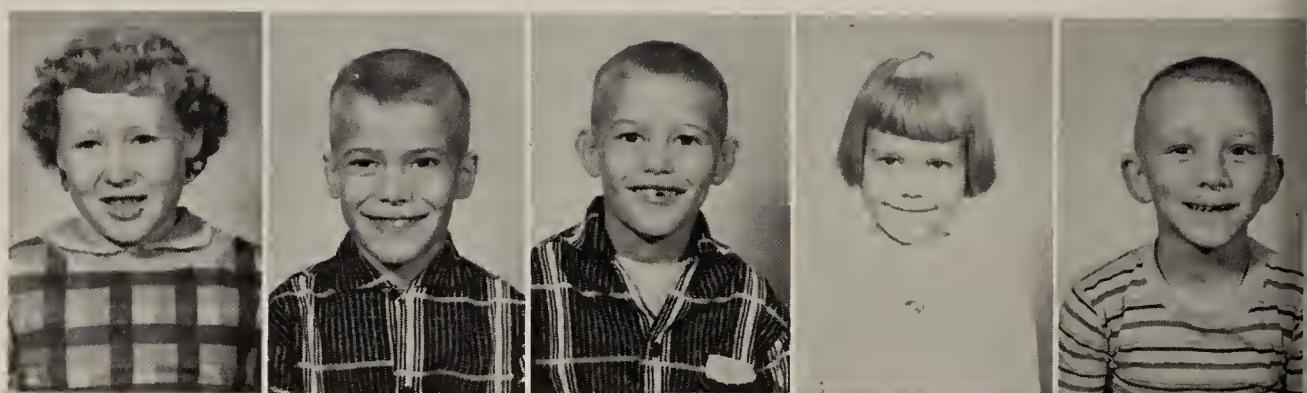


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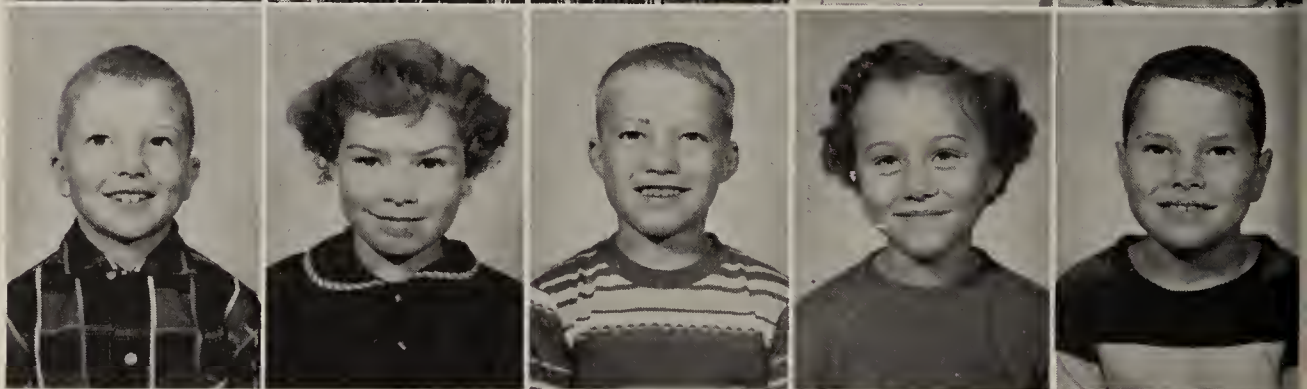


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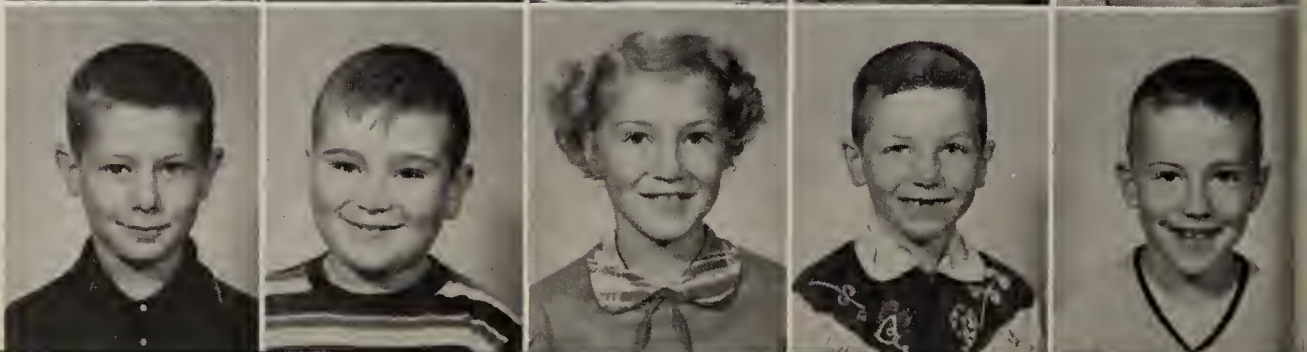
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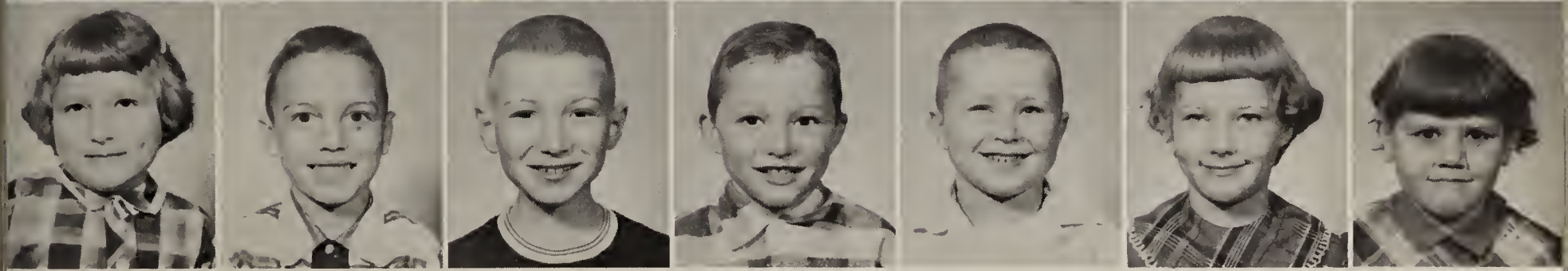
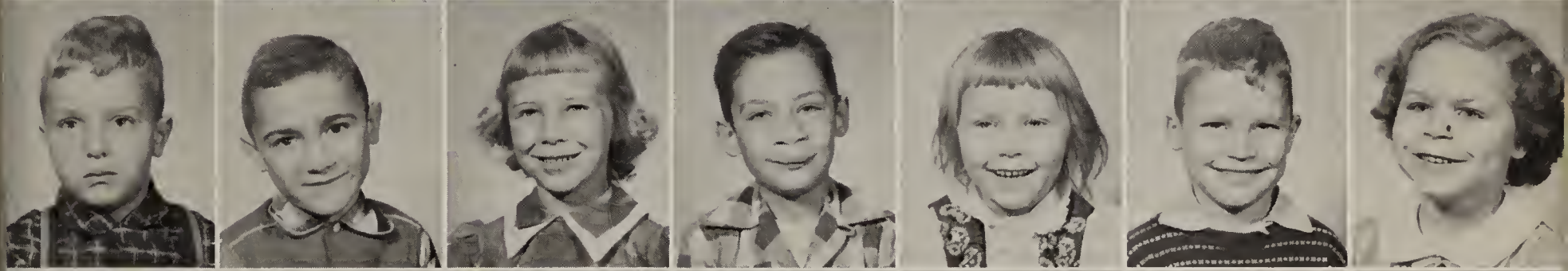
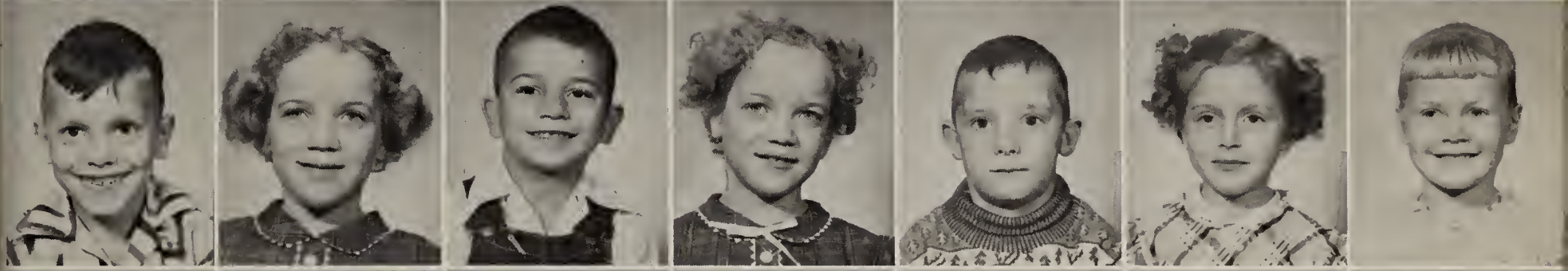
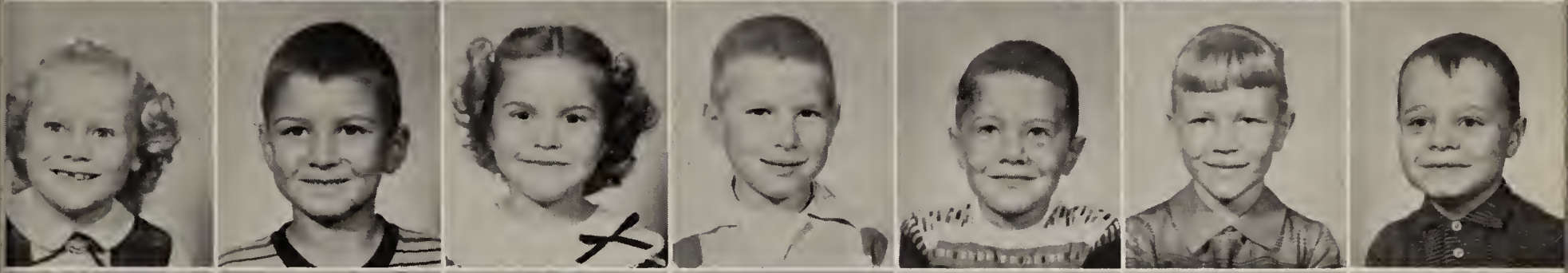
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Activities

MUSIC



BOYS' CHORUS



GIRLS' CHORUS

BOYS' QUARTETTE

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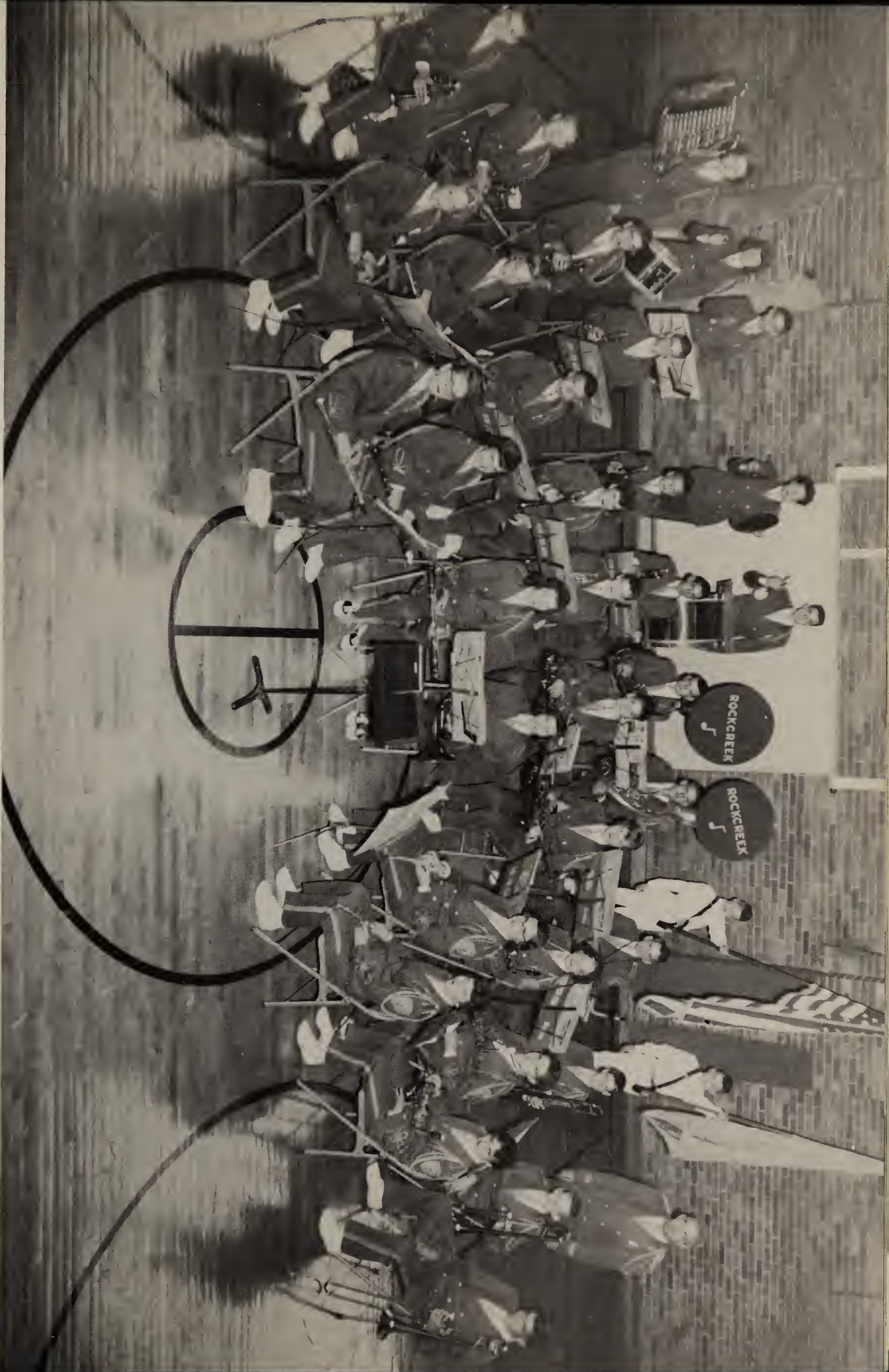
SENIOR TRIO

Carolyn Crosbie, Judy Wygant, Phyliss Walmsley. Director: Mr. Wygant.

SEXTETTE



Ruth Ann Foust, Janet Gilbert, Nancy Batzka, Marcia Shriner, Linda Crum, and Karen Bender.



CONCERT BAND



REVUE BAND



TWIRLERS

Janet Gilbert, Sharon Elzey, Karen Bender, Suzanne Miller.



BAND DIRECTOR

Mr. Wygant

ORGANIZATIONS

BOYS' 4-H



GIRLS' 4-H



ANNUAL STAFF

SITTING: Clara Woodward, Mr. Lee, and Janet Cash. SECOND ROW: Reba Cash and Judy Edris. THIRD ROW: Jayne Decker, Janet Weikel and Sharon Elzey.



STUDENT COUNCIL

FIRST ROW: Mr. Lee, Rosalyn McAfee, Phyliss Walmsley, Gerald Edris, and Jeffrey Espich. SECOND ROW: Benny Crum and James Houtz.





LIBRARIANS

Arlin McAfee, Jerry Shively, Mr. Houseman, Joyce Decker, Barbara Jackson, Joyce Roberts, and Beatrice Moorefield.



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COOKS
H. Freds, L. Brickley, G. Fuhrer.



BUS DRIVERS
A. Stevens, G. Houtz, C. Dormire, D. McAfee, A. Yager, J. Cargar.



CUSTODIAN
Ray Lesh



SAFETY PATROL

CLASS PLAYS

"Battle for Bill"



John G., Phyliss W., Janet G., Gerry B., Judy W., Janet C., Carolyn C., Rosanna F., Roger R., Norman W.

"Me And My Shadow"



Gerry B., Janet W., Judy W., John G., Phyliss W., Michael M., Janet C., Jayne D.

ROCKCREEK



Aug. 27—Back to school, same old faces, same old rooms, same old desks. Vacation ruined.

Sept. 1—With loaded bus, sacked lunches, and temporary finances, the 4-H'ers left for a day of fun at the Indiana State Fair ... Sept. 3—Wow! Labor day—no labor! ... Sept. 4—Dodgers lose their first game of the season. Baseball game with Liberty, (1-11) ... Sept. 5—4-H ice cream social, mmmmmmm ... Sept. 7—Lancaster beat R. H. S., (10-0) ... Sept. 10—Class officers for '56-'57 elected ... Sept. 11—Rockcreek comes through with their first win. Beat Chester, (14-4) ... Sept. 13—Lost to Ossian, (2-15) ... Sept. 17—Another win! Won over Petroleum, (11-1) ... Sept. 19—The 7th grade is stumbling into the right rooms, by now ... Sept. 20—Union beat us, (11-14) ... Sept. 21—One-day vacation! Bluffton Street Fair, R. H. S. led the parade! ... Sept. 25—Rockcreek baseball team wins their last game over Jackson, (10-6) ... Sept. 26—Juniors ordered class rings; seniors had a big argument over invitations ... Sept. 29—The yearly pests of R. H. S. Juniors started selling Christmas cards again ... Sept. 30—New curtains adorn the assembly windows.

Oct. 1—Case tried in Government class. Plaintiff Ewart lost. Also, Mrs. Moorehead has new glasses! ... Oct. 2—Senior pictures taken, big day! ... Oct. 4—The 8th grade class party. Games, prizes, and hotdogs! ... Oct. 8—Phylliss, Betty, and Judy were voted as our yell leaders for this year ... Oct. 9—Home Economist here to demonstrate the correct use of our new stoves ... Oct. 12—Freshman initiation. Refreshments were good, that's all! ... Oct. 17—Gee, no school for the Annual Staff! Ads! ... Oct. 18—Juniors and seniors had lots of fun at the Chevrolet party in Markle ... Oct. 24—First issue of the school paper this year. Seniors took scholarship tests. Wonder if we failed? ... Oct. 25-26—No school for R. H. S. students. Teachers are taught this time ... Oct. 30—Senior skating party. Fun was had by all! ... Oct. 31—Halloween parties at Rockcreek. Goblins and witches!

Nov. 1—Election day. Big premonition, Ike won ... Nov. 2—First basketball game of the season. Defeated by Liberty, (44-52) ... Nov. 3—Janet Cash received D.A.R. award for R. H. S. ... Nov. 6—Ball State's "High School Band Day." R. H. S. band attended. Very windy day; thus, much music lost! ... Nov. 9—P.T.A. supper, and senior class play is presented ... Nov. 10—Acting career ends with "Me and My Shadow." Big success both nights ... Nov. 12—Return party for sophomores given by freshmen. '57 Gems on sale! ... Nov. 13—Engraved name cards arrived. Seniors are broke. Pictures taken here for the Gems by R. S. M. ... Nov. 19—Mr. Wygant's birthday. He won't tell us how many ... Nov. 20—Sophomores toured Farlings. (Our future shoppers.) ... Nov. 22—Deadline coming for Biology collections ... Nov. 30—Sextette and quartette sang at the 4-H achievement banquet. Food a-plenty.

Dec. 4—More pictures were taken for the Gems. Interruptions and mad teachers! ...

Dec. 5—Played host to Bryan, Ohio, speech class. Radio debate set for December 22. No decision reached ... Dec. 7—T. B. Essays underway. Oh, boy! ... Dec. 10—Christmas tree went up, beautiful decorations over the school. Santa's coming! ...

Dec. 11—Freshman Home Ec class honored the first grade in a Christmas party ...

Dec. 12—The Christmas scene was brought alive by music in our annual Christmas program ... Dec. 17—Class rings arrived. Flashy fingers! ... Dec. 20—Annual



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deadline, rush, rush! Made it! ... Dec. 21—Big Christmas party at R. H. S. enjoyed by everyone! Many guests, gifts, and treats!

Jan. 2—School has resumed and we are all back on our tired feet again after the holiday festivities. Vacation ruined again ... Jan. 7—We not only hear Elvis, but now we can see him. Television set at Rockcreek! ... Jan. 9—Exams. Oh, for a rest! ... Jan. 10—Spirit of Rockcreek joins the "Quill and Scroll" ... Jan. 11-12—County Tourney ... Jan. 12—Junior bake sale. Everyone is sick ... Jan. 14—New subjects at Rockcreek get under way with the new semester ... Jan. 15—Girls at R. H. S. start bowling on Tuesday nights after school. (More sore arms.) ...

Jan. 17—Mrs. Nunn's business class took a field trip. Did anyone get locked in the vault? ... Jan. 21—Watched the inauguration on our television set. Had steak today, too ... Jan. 26—Music contest at Fort Wayne. Rockcreek students placed very well ... Jan. 29—Juniors and Seniors toured the Capitol building, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and World War Memorial. Sophomores took over for a day ... Jan. 31—Junior High game. Little Dodgers beat Chester, (44-26).

Feb. 2—Rockcreek's enrollment is now 305 ... Feb. 7—Another win for our Junior High team! Beat Liberty, (54-45) ... Feb. 9—Historical event! Valentine Dance in the gymnasium given by the P.T.A. A wonderful night! ... Feb. 12—P.T.A. cake walk. Bob Wamsley finally got his cake! ... Feb. 13—Geometry, Home Ec, Science classes filled their faces with good cake left over from last night ... Feb. 20—Measurements for caps and gowns were taken. What measurements! ... Feb. 23—State music contest. Roger Reff received his fourth superior medal. Band fish fry. Full tummies! ... Feb. 28—Our job is done. '57 Gems is now completed.

March 8—Assembly program. World Day of Prayer. Grand time at the junior skating party, also ... March 12—The athletes of R. H. S. were given recognition at the annual basketball supper ... March 15—St. Patrick's Dance. Lots of fun! ... March 17—The gymnasium decorated in the theme of St. Patrick's Day was the stage of our annual band concert ... March 20—Junior class play practice well under way. Memorization! Characterization! ... March 22—Newspaper Banquet ... March 23—Outstanding Rockcreek students boast their abilities at the scholastic contest at Bluffton ... March 29—Another skating party! Sophomores took in the money! Enjoyed by everyone.

April 5—The juniors embarked on their acting career when they presented the hilarious comedy, "Take Your Medicine" ... April 10—Afraid to go home, guess why? Report cards. You guessed it! ... April 12—County Music Festival ... April 14—Seniors leave for wonderful long-awaited trip of six days to the East ... April 19—No school on Good Friday ... April 20—Alumni Banquet. Seniors honored ... April 26-27—Crowning of the "Review Queen" was the colorful conclusion to the annual Music Festival at Rockcreek ... April 27—State English and Math contest at Bloomington ... April 28—Senior Day at Miller Airport. Could you take it?!

May 5—Baccalaureate services added a solemn note to the final week of senior activities ... May 7—Proud seniors received their diplomas at the conclusion of a memorable Commencement ceremony ... May 10—Rockcreek students say goodbye to R. H. S. halls once again until the fall. School's out! Whoopie!!





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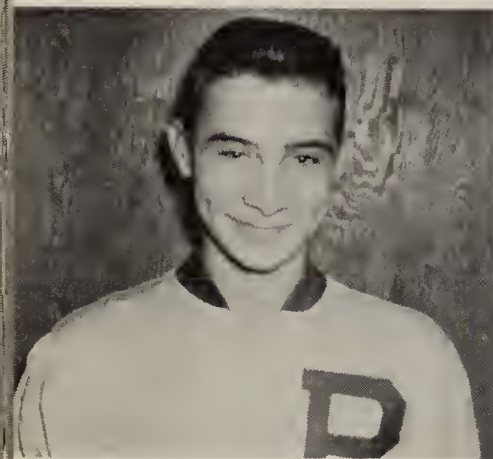
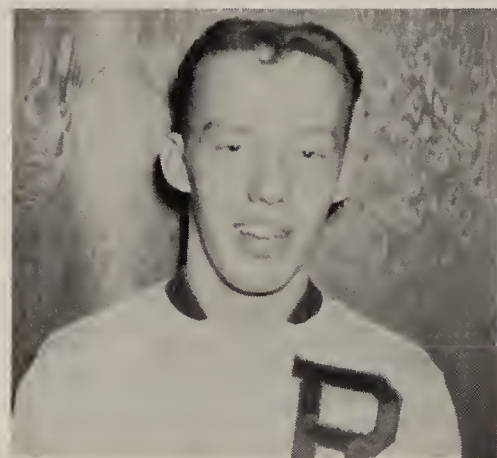
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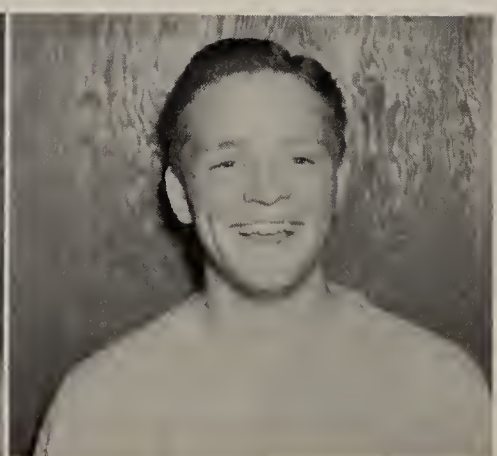


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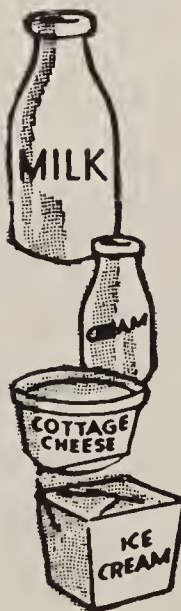
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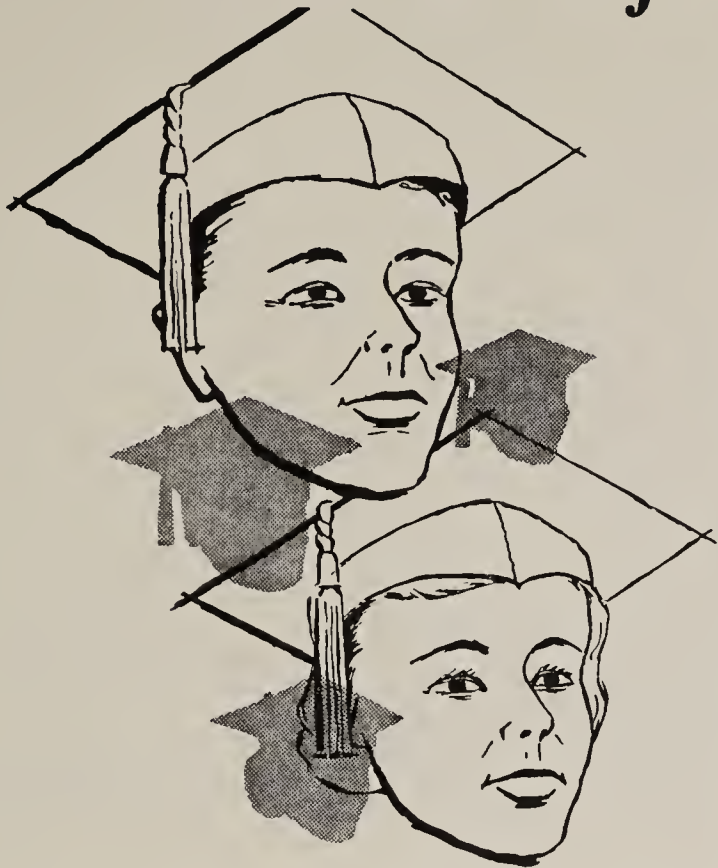
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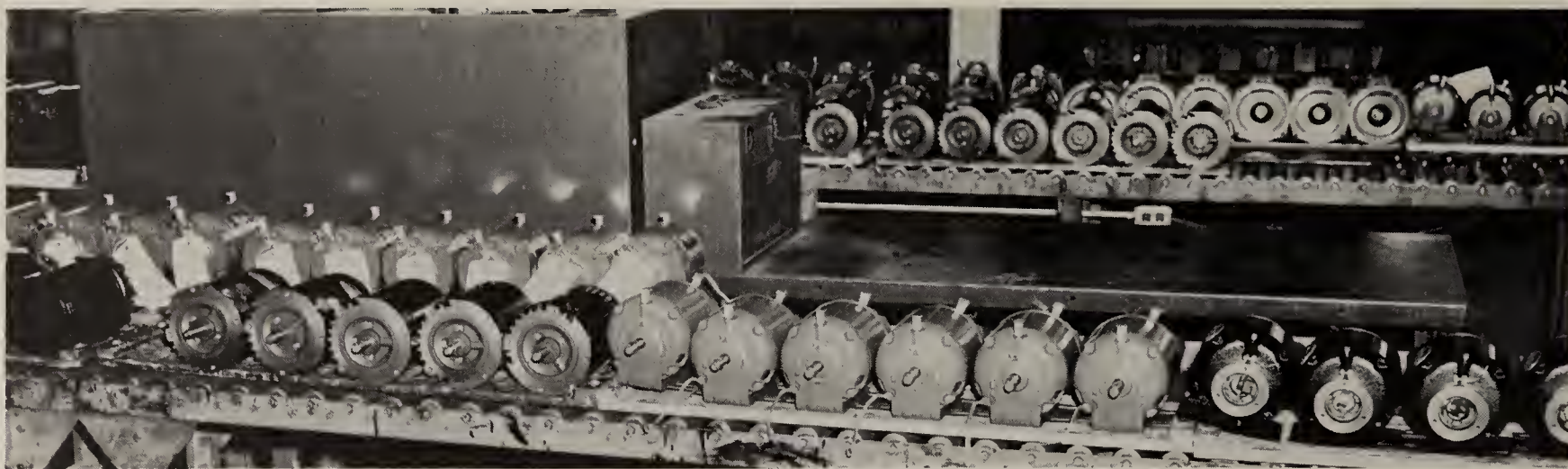
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